

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES – DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

F A C T S H E E T

**APPROVAL TO RENEW MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES PLAN AGREEMENT
(CONTRACT NO. 06-76029-000) WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL
HEALTH FOR MEDI-CAL SPECIALTY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2006-07, 2007-08 AND 2008-09
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)**

REQUEST

Authorize the renewal of the Mental Health Services Plan Agreement (MHSPA) (Contract No. 06-76029-000) with the State Department of Mental Health (SDMH) and instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute the Agreement, with SDMH, in accordance with the provisions of Part 2.5 of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. This Agreement, which is effective from July 1, 2006 until June 30, 2009, will allow for the continued provision of Specialty Mental Health Services (SMHS) to eligible clients in all Supervisorial Districts within the County of Los Angeles.

Instruct the Director of Mental Health or his designee to submit all necessary documents to SDMH and accept State General Fund (SGF) dollars allocated to Los Angeles County for the local operation of Medi-Cal SMHS.

Delegate authority to the Director of Mental Health or his designee to prepare, sign, and execute future amendments to this Agreement.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION

Board approval is required to renew the MHSPA to allow for the continued administration by the County of Los Angeles SMHS to Medi-Cal eligible clients residents of Los Angeles County as part of the Department of Mental Health's Local Mental Health Plan (LMHP). State regulations require a contractual agreement between SDMH and Counties to continue funding the LMHP under the State Medi-cal Consolidation Program (SMCP). Under this contractual agreement the County is required to provide, or arrange and pay for, SMHS for eligible Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Contract No. 05-75083-000 between the State of California and the County of Los Angeles terminated on June 30, 2006. The MHSPA (Contract No. 06-76029-000), which provides funding for Fiscal Years (FYs) 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09, is retroactive to July 1, 2006. The submission of this Agreement to the Board was delayed as a result of the late submission of the Agreement to the County by SDMH on August 31, 2006.

The State Allocation for FYs 2006-07, 2007-08 and 2008-09 is \$76,723,805 and FY 2006-07 funding is included in the Department's FY 2006-07 Adopted Budget. Funding for FYs 2007-08 and 2008-09 will be included in the Department's annual budget requests for these fiscal years.

BACKGROUND

Participation in the SMCP will continue to be funded by SGF dollars for professional services rendered by psychiatrists, psychologists, licensed clinical social workers, marriage and family therapists, and registered nurses with Master's Degree within their scope of practice, and for acute psychiatric hospital inpatient services with contracted Fee-For-Service providers.

The SMCP continues to foster a close working relationship and collaboration between departments, such as Probation, and Children and Family Services, which utilize Specialty Mental Health Providers for professional and hospital inpatient services to children, adolescents, and adults eligible under Medi-Cal.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

State Regulations require a contractual agreement between SDMH and Counties to continue funding the LMHP under the SMCP. The Agreement is entered in accordance with the provisions of Part 2.5 (commencing with Section 5775) of Division 5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

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